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Via email: [fyi-request-18016-175dc37b@requests.fyi.org.nz](mailto:fyi-request-18016-175dc37b@requests.fyi.org.nz)

Dear Sue

**Re: OIA request – Stillbirths rates**

Thank you for your Official Information Act request received 20 December seeking information from Waitematā District Health Board (DHB) about stillbirth rates.

Before responding to your specific questions, it may be useful to provide some context about our services.

Waitematā is the largest and one of the most rapidly growing DHBs in the country, serving a population of around 650,000 across the North Shore, Waitakere and Rodney areas. We are the largest employer in the district, employing around 8,600 people across more than 80 locations.

In addition to providing care to our own resident population, we are the Northern Region provider of forensic mental health services and child rehabilitation services, plus the metro Auckland provider of child community dental services and community alcohol and drug services.

In response to your request, we are able to provide the following information:

**I would like to know the monthly stillbirth rate from November 2020 - November 2021.**

The following information provides hospital data only as deaths that occur in the community are reported directly to the coroner. From November 2020 - November 2021 there were 7386 births at North Shore and Waitakere hospitals.

Still birth rates at North Shore and Waitakere hospitals	
Year-month	Number of stillbirths
2020-Nov	2
2020-Dec	1
2021-Jan	2
2021-Feb	3
2021-Mar	5
2021-Apr	2
2021-May	5
2021-Jun	8
2021-Jul	3

2021-Aug	4
2021-Sep	4
2021-Oct	2
2021-Nov	6

I trust that this information is helpful.

Waitematā DHB supports the open disclosure of information to assist community understanding of how we are delivering publicly funded healthcare. This includes the proactive publication of anonymised Official Information Act responses on our website from 10 working days after they have been released.

If you consider there are good reasons why this response should not be made publicly available, we will be happy to consider your views.

Yours sincerely



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